

# Martin Luther

## TIME LINE

### INTRODUCTION

#### I. His Personal Life

- A. He was born November 10, 1483 in Eisleben, Germany.
  - 1. He was born into peasantry. (a fact that stressed his father often.)
  - 2. His father was Hans Luther.
    - a. Who was a copper miner
    - b. Whose vision was for Luther to study law.
- B. He was married to Katherine van Bora 1525
- C. He became a monk on July 21, 1505
  - 1. A close encounter with death caused his decision to become a monk.
    - a. His reaction to the event was common to his time.
    - b. The vow of a monk was regarded as a second baptism.
  - 2. His decision upset his parents
- D. On May 2, 1507, he was made a priest.
  - 1. Degrees he earned and positions
    - a. Received bachelor's and master's degrees at

Erfurt.

- b. In 1512, received the degree of doctor of theology and took over the chair of biblical theology which he held until his death
  - 2. Visited Rome and was shocked by the worldliness of its clergy

#### II. His Search for a Gracious God

- A. He tried Castigations of the flesh.
- B. He tried confessing his sins one by one.
- C. He found the answer in the Bible.

#### III. His Part in the Reformation

- A. He nailed his 95 Thesis to the door of Castle Church in Wittenberg October 31, 1517.
  - 1. The 95 Theses means *95 paragraphs for discussion*.
  - 2. The 95 Thesis contained essentially three parts.
- B. He wrote various tracts.
  - 1. He wrote *The Address to the Christian Nobility of the German Nation*.
  - 2. He wrote *The Babylonian Captivity of the Church*.
  - 3. He wrote *On Christian Liberty*
- C. He became very apprehensive realizing his own responsibility in the situation.
  - 1. Was not able to present the reformer's position at the Diet of Augsburg due to his excommunication
  - 2. He strongly opposed "extremists".
    - a. Anabaptists

- b. Jews raising questions on Christ's Messiahship

## CONCLUSION

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# Important Events in the Life of Martin Luther

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|----------------------------|---|
| 1483 Nov. 10               | -Martin Luther was born in Eisleben, Germany  |
| 1501                       | -was enrolled at University of Erfurt at age 17   |
| 1502                       | -received a bachelor's degree   |
| 1505                       | -received a master's degree   |
| 1505 July 21               | -entered the Augustinian monastery in Erfurt  |
| 1506 Fall<br>his superiors | -Made his profession as a monk and selected as a priest by  |
| 1507 May 2                 | -Ordained   |
| 1508                       | -was assigned by Johann von Staupitz to the new University of Wittenberg to give introductory lectures in moral philosophy. |
| 1509                       | -received a bachelor's degree in theology   |
| 1509-1511                  | -taught and studied at Erfurt   |
| 1510                       | -Nov. Visited Rome<br>-Reassigned to Wittenberg   |
| 1512                       | -Received the degree of doctor of theology and took over the chair of biblical theology                                     |
| 1517 Oct. 31<br>Wittenberg | -nailed his <i>95 Theses</i> to the door of Castle Church in  |
| 1519                       | -published <i>On Christian Liberty</i>  |
| 1520<br><i>Captivity</i>   | -published <i>To the Christian Nobility</i> and <i>The Babylonian</i>   |
| 1520 June 15               | -condemnation of his teachings  |
| 1521 Jan.                  | -excommunicated from the Catholic church  |

- 1521 *April* -Diet of Worms; hid at Wartburg Castle
- 1523 -completed his translation of the Greek N.T. into German
- 1524-1526 -Peasant's War
- 1525  
*the Will* -married Katherine van Bora; published *On the Bondage of*
- 1529 -published his most popular book, the *Small Catechism*
- 1534 -published his translation of the Hebrew O.T. into German
- 1546 *Feb. 18* -Martin Luther died in Eisleben, Germany